M. A. 1.2.23.10

c Northfleet House 1. 3mo 1847

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It costs me very little to write to thee, but all the writing I can, I have for a very long time wished to write to thee, but the weakness of my frame has been such as to make me almost fear I should be unable to find words to express my feelings. I have for a very long time wished to write to thee, but all the writing I can, I avoid feeling often unequal to it, I was not at all in health all the time dear W. L. G. was in England, and tho" we saw little of him, we do still esteem him even more & more, and we prize the efforts of all the noble Band - I long much that all engaged in this great cause, would abstain from ever speaking against any part of holy scripture or making light of our precious Redeemer, every way it is wrong, and only weakens the great and good work, in which I am quite ready to believe every one who engages in it, is sincere - That the Bazaar has done so well is indeed truly gratifying & every thing shews that the great work is progressing - Frederick Douglas is a valuable & talented agent universally loved & respected - tho" we could not unite in doing anything towards paying for his redemption considering it a

compromise of the great principle that all men have a right to be free, we do not feel the less interested in his welfare – it is sad as regards the Others who are enslaved, to let the wicked (so say Owners) think by holding them in Bondage money will be raised for their Ransom – In the case of the West Indians most of the Owners were so deep-ly involved in debt, many fami-ed who were disposed to liberate their Slaves, they had no right to do so, unless their Creditors were paid first – I knew One really good family who lost their Father, all they possessed was mortgaged & only a small sum remitted them, a very small one at length nothing, but Deeds &c which were not given up

remained as the Estates, Negroes & all were only mortgaged for a term of years — these dear People with many others, could in truth rejoice that their Debts paid by the share of the compensation & Negroes all set free — They were prepared they had lived in great affluence but in order to be prepared the Mother & Daughters opened a superior School & they put the Sons to Business or Profession for their education had been excellent & principles good — and are all doing well The eldest Son making a valuable Planter now in West Indies on part of an estate — I believe

Enclosed I send thee a Sermon preached in Scotland. — These dear Advocates are few & need aid & all this year & the past we have had plenty to do, to aid the poor Irish but and is it to say — that inds —

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Mr W. Robinson
25 Chapel
London
Gravesend
Kent

Cole Lane
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of such, the Parents highly educated the
whole property they have 50 £ pr annum
Mother's settlement, 4 fine Girls 3 fine
Boys the youngest 4y. educated by the
Parents mostly, they only work in a small
Garden, & Girls & Mother do Housework, they
keep no Company, go no where – the Mother
is not long ago taken from them her Income gone &
they are destitute two distant friends
or Relatives, have invited the eldest Girls

– Cause and result of poverty is their
great fine, obedi[illegible] & their
Mon, Sunbeam with a little pride
they can only have just enough to
keep them alive, consequently
the dangers attendant on their
labour, the family of three are humbled

be given to send them and 2 or 3 weeks after a Packet sent for her Birth day, by an Aunt, in which among other things was 10/- which when she found, she danced about in rapture, saying "Oh! Dear Mama I have now more money for the poor Irish, let me please go, & give it to Mad^e B. directly" Thus I hope My dear friend! thou art also cheered as I believe for this little darling has always been so benevolent from before two years of age, if she lives she has great natural ability, the other is older & also amiable & kind) in thy precious young People, and I am as a single Sister in the great family of man, delighted to think that when our heads are laid in the silent grave their will be hearts to feel & souls to love — I am very fond of young People have brought up ten & of these some are lovely & useful, but I must not intrude on thy time and with very much feeling of affection for thee

such a state of things is not lost
on the Poor, they want the active
principles the English Poor have
in daily life - but the present see
no time to blame, the sufferings
are dreadful & there is a great
has been the last ten months, & the
united efforts to help all who can
by every means & work for
suffering creatures, so that the
these are imperious calls from
other quarters. it is for Ireland
now on every hand - My dear Brother
does not forget you, I know, But
the severe illness of our Brother
in Law & wife of both, his Wife
my precious Sister, demands
almost all his time - My dear
Widowed Sister tho' rising but
little above her grief - is cheered
a little by her lovely Girls, the
youngest not eight, wept bitterly
when she heard some one speaking
of the distressed Irish, & after
the lady was gone, begged all her
little all, might

and the dear family I remain thy sincere & sympathizing friend